

To whom it may concern:

I am **writing in support of Senate Joint Resolution, 4, RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PERMANENTLY PRESERVE PLUM ISLAND AS A NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

I ask you to protect Plum Island because the nature world is being nibbled away in every corner of the world. At some point in the future, certainly not in our lifetimes, but certainly in the future, a liveable, sustainable environment for all life will be gone. Humanity will look back on us, know that we were given the opportunity to turn the tide of misuse of the natural world, and that we turned a blind eye to the challenge.

We are stewards of this earth, not owners.

In the words of Pope Francis, "Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, protect creation...protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the Book of Genesis tells us and as St. Francis of Assisi showed us. It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live."

Plum Island is a natural and historical treasure, a unique coastal environment, and one of the last remaining refuges for many rare, threatened, and endangered species. It is recognized as an Audubon Important Bird Area and serves as vital nesting and foraging habitat to more than 210 documented bird species, including the endangered Roseate Tern and threatened Piping Plover.

Save this wondrous place.

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